

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Booth, Pearson, Thornton, Jackson, Richard, Burlingame and Sylvester. Commissioners Walker and Blackburn were absent. Also present were Peter Dennehy Esq., and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #140013: NeighborWorks BRV, for the property located at 146 Sayles Street, Woonsocket. Chief Scott Caron and DSFM Patrick Carney appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to grant the Applicant a variance based on structural hardship to allow this facility to have a single means of egress due to this facility being built into hill. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to have a fully compliant fire alarm system and emergency lights in the day care installed in this facility, with the State Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadline, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion passed with Commissioner Burlingame abstaining from the vote.

APPEAL #140016: Mr. Reed Caster, for the property located at 3480 Post Road, Warwick. ADSFM Michael Matteson appeared for the

Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Warwick Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a fire alarm system in this facility and an additional (150) days to implement that plan, with the Warwick Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #140011: Director Kerry Hall, for the property located at 164 Delaine Street, Providence. DSFM Christine Kent appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to grant the Applicant a time variance of fourteen (14) days from date of this hearing to bring the existing fire alarm into compliance, until the new fire alarm is installed in this facility. The Board granted the Applicant twenty four (24) hours from the date of this hearing to install smoke detectors outside the bedrooms of this facility. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance a time variance of thirty (30) days from the date of this hearing to submit a plan of action to the State Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a fully compliant fire alarm system in this facility and an additional (150) days to implement that plan. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #140012: Director Kerry Hall, for the property located at 169 Delaine Street, Providence. DSFM Christine Kent appeared for the

State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days from the date of this hearing to submit plans to the State Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of a fully compliant fire alarm system in this facility and an additional (150) days to implement that plan. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130184: Ms. Kathleen Staab, for the property located at 49 Touro Street, Newport. ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Jackson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to accept the Applicant's proposed plan of action to bring this facility into compliance with the fire code and also to grant the Applicant an equivalency variance for the installation of heat detection that will be connected to the municipally connected fire alarm system, and not to use first row seating of the balcony. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit this proposed plan of action to the Newport Fire Marshal's Office and an additional (150) days to implement that plan, with the Newport Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #140015: Redwood Library, for the property located at 50 Bellevue Avenue, Newport. ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to table this case

until March 25, 2014 to allow the Applicant time to prepare a plan of action that is acceptable to the Newport Fire Marshal's Office and present that plan to the Board. The motion was unanimous.

Ida Lewis Yacht Club, for the properties located at:

APPEAL #130203: 170 Wellington Avenue, Newport

APPEAL #140009: 170 Wellington Avenue, Newport (Dock Office)

APPEAL #140010: 170 Wellington Avenue, Newport (Outbuilding)

ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to accept the Applicant's proposed plan of action to bring this facility into compliance with the fire code. The Board granted the Applicant an equivalency variance to allow the Applicant to provide a portable fire pump along the pier that will be maintained by the Applicant. The Board also granted the Applicant a time variance until May 10, 2014 to bring this facility into full compliance with the fire code. The motion was unanimous.

Old Business:

Review of and possible vote on BV 14-01 Existing Apartment Buildings. Commissioner Booth made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn and Vice Chairperson Filippi to accept Blanket Variance 14-01 as presented to the Board. The motion

passed with Commissioners Thornton and Jackson opposing the vote and Commissioner Jackson abstaining from the vote.

Respectfully submitted

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